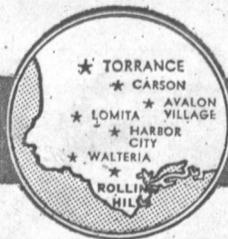


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State Committee Recommends Laws for Health Plans

New legislation was recommended Wednesday by a State Assembly subcommittee in an attempt to protect dance and health studio clients from the misrepresentation of a defunct Lomita health club.

The victims claim they were sold life memberships in the club which, immediately after, went out of business. Despite the fact the club no longer exists, the clients' contracts are in the hands of a finance company which demands payment.

Some health club and dance studio practices verge "seriously close to fraud and extortion," the subcommittee reported. The group made proposals to protect possible victims.

The committee proposed to forbid lifetime contracts, limit prepaid contracts to one year and prepayment to \$500, prohibit assignment of contracts to professional collection agencies, and require contracts to provide for termination on disability or death.

A suggestion from Attorney General Stanley Mosk to forbid contracts altogether and place all studios on a pay-as-you-go basis was turned down by the subcommittee.

Representatives from the studios testified that contracts were necessary to bind customers because when a client quits after only a few visits, the company loses money.

Paramount Health Studios of Lomita have had suit brought against them by Kern Enterprises of Bakersfield because the local club closed, its doors after promising lifetime memberships.

The \$33,373.46 suit was brought against Jack Watt who was named president, and Carlton Moore, secretary. The suit was asking for re-compensation for property sold.

In March, Watt was accused of making false statements regarding a waterless battery he distributed. The Federal Trade Commission made this accusation.

Last fall, he was given a 180-day suspended sentence and placed on probation in the South Bay Municipal Court by Judge Donald Armstrong. He was convicted of failing to comply with the California Unemployment Insurance Code.

Hall Additions To Begin Soon

Construction of \$200,000 worth of improvements for Torrance City Hall might begin within a month, it was announced by George Stevens, city manager, recently.

He mentioned that funds are budgeted and "on hand, ready to be used for construction of the project."

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Building inspector offices will be installed when carpools, now located on the west end of the building, are modified.

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COWGIRL QUEEN—Donna Stoeckle smiles as she anticipates Torrance's sixth annual Rodeo Days, where she will be crowned Rodeo Queen. Miss Stoeckle is a senior at Torrance High.

Torrance Senior Attains Honors as Rodeo Queen

Rodeo Queen Donna Stoeckle, 17-year-old North Torrance High School senior, will reign for the 1960 Torrance Championship Rodeo July 30 and 31, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

In making the announcement, Rodeo Chairman D. C. Cook said Donna not only is a talented and charming girl—but also is a top rider. Runners-up were Linn Gish and Sheri Sidebotham.

Donna was born in Winslow, Arizona, June 15, 1943. She has brown hair to match her sparkling brown eyes. The new queen stands 5'2" tall and weighs 110 pounds.

Miss Stoeckle was a finalist in the "Miss Saxon" contest at North High School and is a member of GAA there. Her favorite hobbies are modeling and art. Others include roller skating and, naturally, horseback riding. Lt. Cook mentioned Donna has been riding for more than 10 years.

She resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Stoeckle, at 2612 W. 175th St. Mrs. Stoeckle has been a Welcome Wagon hostess and a former president of the Torrance PTA Council.

The queen will reign in a complete Western costume, courtesy of King's Western Store, Manhattan Beach, and will receive a trophy during the rodeo.

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Motorist Hits Youth Fleeing from Attackers

Rushing across Torrance Blvd. to the Police Station Friday at 4:30 p.m., a 17-year old boy was hit by Edward Wesley Perry of Torrance who was traveling north.

Roy William Franklin, victim, said, "I was hitchhiking on the south side of Torrance Blvd. when a green truck stopped and three guys got out and came to me, hitting me in the mouth. I ran across the street to the police station."

The youth was taken to the Harbor General Hospital after the accident where he was treated for head lacerations.

Perry resides at 19337 Flavian.

Dollar Day Values in Thursday's Press

Look for your copy of the Press Thursday, July 21 for special Dollar Day values given by the downtown Torrance merchants during the three day Rancho Days celebration.

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Torrance Fire Fighter Dies After Long Illness

Fireman Ivan R. Kettering died July 9 after suffering from a long illness since August, when he was forced to give up his employment.

The 45 year old fireman has been with the Torrance department since 1939. In 1941, he was promoted to the office of engineer, receiving the title of captain March this year.

During World War II, Kettering was in the fire service for the United States Coast Guard, stationed at Terminal Island.

Last rites were held at the Torrance Masonic Lodge with Leonard Babcock officiating.

Mrs. Kettering resides in WALTERIA with daughter and son.

GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE NOT LEGAL, SAYS JUDGE

SCHOOL OPERATOR TURNS TABLES ON 34 ACCUSERS

Thirty-four South Bay and Harbor Area residents, including a Los Angeles public defender and the head of a Torrance music school, are named as defendants in a \$150,000 suit brought by an accordion school operator.

Larry Turner of Hollywood has filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court claiming the defendants damaged his Lomita business through false accusations.

He is asking for \$100,000 compensatory damages, \$50,000 punitive damages and court costs.

Louis Feder, public defender assigned to San Pedro; Bettie Thomas, music school operator; and 32 customers of a music school, with which Turner has been connected, are the defendants.

Torrance Democratic Group Backs Cause at Convention

Giving highlights of the recent convention, John J. Barton, Torrance Democrat who attended the event and demonstrated for Stevenson, said, "I saw many local faces demonstrating; these weren't the reactions of professional backers, but spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment reactions of ordinary people."

He continued, "These demonstrators weren't fanatics either, they were doctors and attorneys, wives of plant managers and businessmen, outstanding people of the community."

He mentioned that some persons supporting the activities had never before taken an interest in politics. He marked the enthusiasm of the demonstrators by citing the "all kinds of ingenious ways they devised to flood the arena."

In comparing the two camps, Stevenson versus Kennedy, Barton stated that Stevenson people were "grass roots," truly sincere as compared to the professionalism prevalent in the Kennedy camp.

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Torrance to LA in 15 Minutes



ANXIOUS SPECTATORS view the opening the Artesia Blvd.-190th St. extension of the Harbor Freeway. Present at the ceremony Thursday were Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Mayor Albert Ison, Torrance City Council, and officials from Gardena and the State Highway Commission.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies celebrating completion of a new section of the Harbor Freeway—which this past week has served as the main road to the Democratic National Convention at the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena—were held Thursday morning, with the new roadway being opened for general traffic Friday.

"Already, the Harbor freeway is the busiest roadway in the world and as new sections open will carry even heavier traffic loads," he declared, adding that this latest section opened completes the Harbor freeway in his district.

Carl Hoffman, president, Harbor District Chambers of



JOHN LENTON
Defendant



WILLIAM MORRIS
Prosecutor

Two Injured as Motorist Hits Autos

A driver and passenger were injured Friday night as their southbound auto struck two vehicles parked on the east side of Vermont near 117th St.

James H. Squire, 32, stationed on the Navy's USS Rogers, received slight injuries and was released to the shore patrol.

Baleta Lomas, female passenger age 30, suffered a cut lip and a six inch cut on her forehead. She was sent to Gardena Hospital.

Squire hit the parked cars when he took his eyes off the road for an instant.

Armed Pair Takes \$113 From Store

Two male suspects, one in possession of a revolver, robbed Gill More's Liquor of \$113 cash yesterday at 12:33 a.m.

The suspects walked in the door of the store at Del Amo and Hawthorne Blvd., one of them asking for a package of cigarettes, while the other drew the nickel-plated revolver.

"Now give me the money," were the words of the man with the revolver as he pointed to the cash box, asking for a paper sack.

The duo departed southbound on Hawthorne Blvd. Vern Grasmier of Gardena, notified the police of the robbery.

Truck Overtakes at Intersection, Injuring Four

An overturning flatbed truck, involved in a collision at the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway, injured four persons Thursday.

Truck driver Rance Alys-worth, 26, is in critical condition with head injuries at Harbor General Hospital. The driver, who resides at 20610 Western Ave., was thrown from the cab of his truck then the vehicle overturned, spilling oil drums and construction equipment on the street.

Driving the automobile was Wallace J. Doll, 35, of Long Beach, who was uninjured.

Passengers in the auto hurt were Anna Maria Doll, 24, wife of the driver, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwrbu, of Long Beach.

Alys-worth was on his way to a construction site in Rolling Hills in a truck belonging to Welkerson Excavation Company of Arcadia.

An auto, crossing the intersection, was struck with flying material from the truck. The driver was Neil W. Fulton of Lawndale who was uninjured.

Hawaiian Official Sneaks at Luau

Tickets for the Hawaiian Luau honoring the 50th State's first congressman, Daniel K. Inouye, are available according to the sponsor, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and may be secured by calling FA 8-2814.

Inouye will speak at the event to be held tomorrow at the Polynesian Restaurant, 3901 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance.

Chairman Jack Phillips said that the evening will include music for dinner and dancing by Harry Baty and his Polynesians. A no-host reception is scheduled for 7 p.m. with the Pit Ceremony at 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8:15 p.m.

Army Assigns Local Private to Virginia

Army Private Henry Strand from the Southland recently received assignment to the 588th Engineer Battalion at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the army revealed recently.

Strand, 22, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Strand of 2220 W. 248th St.

Strand, an operator of heavy equipment in the headquarters and service company of the battalion, entered the army in January and completed basic training at Fort Ord.

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Lenton Wins Rubbish Case Against City

Threatening the city with possible counter suit actions, John Lenton, Torrance resident, took a rubbish fee case to court Friday where Judge Donald Armstrong ruled him not responsible for fees charged for collection before January 1.

Lenton was charged by the city, represented by William Morris, account collector, of not paying rubbish fees before January 1, which amounted to \$15.

Lenton revealed his belief that there was no ruling before that time making payment mandatory, therefore, the ordinance which he was charged of violating was unconstitutional and illegal.

Morris stated that it was the city's belief that citizens should pay for services rendered and accepted.

When Judge Armstrong ruled for the defendant, Lenton withdrew his counter-suing petition.

Lenton, president of Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union, South Bay Local 1-547, said his purpose in filing this suit was to attempt to "correct poor situations present in city government."

He continued that "the city was suffering from administration problems including and caused by a lack of communication and interest." Through his battle, he hopes to attempt to awaken interest in city government and in politics.

In mentioning the apathy of the public, he stated, "of the 100,000 population of eligible voters, it only required 3500 votes to elect a councilman at the last election."

Chamber Elects New President for 60-61 Term

Richard S. "Dick" Pyle, Local Manager for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, was elected president of the Torrance Chamber of



DICK PYLE

Commerce for 1960-61, it was announced today.

Other officers elected were William E. Shawger, owner of California Rubber Products and Jack Phillips, owner of Paramount Builder Supply as 1st and 2nd vice presidents respectively. Harold Frenz, manager of the Bank of America, was elected treasurer with Manager Dick Fitzgerald being re-elected as corporate secretary.

Kenneth Uyeda, owner of Kenny's Nursery, was appointed to the three-year director post, with John Wallace, director of industrial relations for Ryan Electronics, filling a 1-year post on the board.

Pyle, a native son, was born in Pasadena. He attended Pasadena City schools and UCLA.

He has been employed for 35 years with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph; the past eight years in Torrance

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